



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 5636**  
**Flatside Wilderness Enhancement Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources  
on September 26, 2018*

H.R. 5636 would add 640 acres in the Ouachita National Forest in Arkansas to the National Wilderness Preservation System as part of the Flatside Wilderness. CBO estimates that enacting the bill would have no significant effect on the federal budget.

The affected lands are already protected for conservation and wilderness values; therefore, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5636 would have no significant effect on the cost of administering the area. CBO expects that any revisions to federal maps and other materials would be made in conjunction with scheduled reprinting and other routine work. Finally, because the affected lands currently produce no income from mineral leasing, timber production, or other activities (and are not expected to do so in the future), CBO estimates that enacting the bill would not affect offsetting receipts, which are treated as reductions in direct spending.

Because enacting H.R. 5636 would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5636 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 5636 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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